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Meeting Minutes

Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Ashburton Café, One Ashburton Place, Boston MA 02108 May 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

1. RC opened the meeting at 1:07 and asked for roll call, which is noted below. RA introduced new member John Couture 1:12 and the BBRS approved a motion to recognize the service of Brian Gale at an upcoming meeting. (JN, HS, All) 1:13

Richard Crowley V-Chair (RC)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Structural Engineer (<i>open slot</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Robert Anderson (RA)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Thomas Perry (TP)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
John Couture (JC)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Stephen Coan*(SC)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Kevin Gallagher (KG)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	General Contractor of Commercial or Industrial	
Jerry Ludwig (JL)	<input type="checkbox"/> present x absent	Buildings (<i>open slot</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Alexander MacLeod (SM)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Harry Smith (HS)	x present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

* Jacob Nunnemacher (JN) was designee for SC. Also in attendance from DPS were Deirdre Ann Hosler (DH), Don Finocchio (DF), Tom Riley (TR) and Mike Guigli (MG).

General notes on format:

- votes are noted as (Motion by, Second by, All) if the vote, by all member present for the vote, is unanimous followed by the time and
 - agenda topics appear herein as numbered but may have been taken out of order as indicated by the time.
2. The April 14, 2015 meeting minutes as found in Exhibit A were reviewed and approved as amended. (TP, RA, All) 1:10.
 3. Status update or review and/or approval of action items from previous meetings:
 - a. RC suggested that the public comment to the May 13, 2014 white papers on cost and effectiveness of building code requirements in 3 to 6 unit residential buildings be untabled next month. RA recommended that this remained tabled and allow the 9th edition effort to take precedence and KG concurred. This topic remained tabled. (1:12)
 - b. TR noted that the draft official interpretation on code requirements for window replacement for commercial buildings will be issued for comment from window installer, building officials and others.
 - c. MG noted that a letter to Sprinkler Appeals Board has been drafted concerning the review of enforcement of M.G.L. c. 148, §26G but has not been sent.
 - d. DF noted that BBRS/DPS e-Memo Communications have been issued at a rate of one or two per month since November 2014 and that a DPS web page as a repository for past and future e-memos has been created. 1:16
 - e. Pertaining to the topic of window light reflection and after discussion of the survey data to municipal fire chiefs as found in Exhibit B no specific action was taken. It is expected that the window industry input and more discussion will be occur at the June and July BBRS meetings. 1:16 to 1:39
 4. Review of 780 CMR 9th edition topics:

- a. The final draft of Chapter 1 to the base and residential volumes (Exhibits C and D) were reviewed and changes were noted. After this review was complete JN asked for consideration of the DFS comments that were created as a result of the Building Code Coordinating Council meeting as well as other more recent DFS comments. RC expressed his wish to get through the final drafts first and then consider DFS comments on the 9th edition. RC then recognized Bob Carasitti (RMC), the chair of the fire protection and prevention committee (FPFP) who presented its recommendation on two items and the BBRS reached consensus ('prevention' changed to 'prevention and protection' and 'may' not changed to 'shall') as noted in Exhibit C.
- b. The final draft of MA amendment proposals to Chapters 2 to 35 (IBC) was opened for review. RMC reviewed FPFP recommendations and the BBRS reached consensus accordingly as indicated in Exhibit E. (2:36)
- c. The final draft of MA amendment proposals to Chapter 51 (IRC) was opened for review. RMC reviewed FPFP recommendations and the BBRS reached consensus accordingly as indicated in Exhibit F. (2:59)
- d. RC asked if any member had comments on the final drafts contained in Chapter 110: Concrete Test Labs, Manufactured Buildings, Native Lumber, and CSL. Hearing none RC directed Staff to proceed.
- e. Staff noted that there are three 9th edition proposals submitted on behalf of DOER: *Appendix 115 AA Stretch Code*, *Solar Ready Buildings*, and *Electric Vehicle Capability*. DOER would like that these proposals be submitted into the EO 562 review with the rest of the 9th edition of 780 CMR. JN expressed his desire to "unstrike" IFC language in section U103.3 for fire service access to solar PV on roofs for the *Solar Ready Buildings* proposal. There was BBRS consensus (with the exception of HS) to allow the proposals to go forward, pending DOER reinserting the stricken language.
- f. There was no discussion on the format of the 9th edition.
- g. There was no discussion of the 9th edition summary table.

RC recognized SC who voiced his opinions on the 9th edition which in essence are contained in Exhibit G. Paper copies of Exhibit G which contained DFS suggested edits to the 9th edition were handed out for BBRS review. Several items were discussed then it was approved that review of this document be postponed until the June meeting so that proper consideration of it could be made. (HS, SM, All) 3:47 Additionally TR indicated that he would review the document and provide his comments to the BBRS before the June meeting.

5. The BBRS approved 130 new CSLs in the month of April 2015 and CSL reinstatements for medical reasons for Jeffrey Thomas CS-062718 and for Carl Wilson (CS-047141). (HS, TP, All) 3:48
6. There were no BOCC minutes for review.
7. There were no concrete testing laboratory renewal applications.
8. RC then closed the regular meeting and BBRS entered Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, s.21(a)(3) by roll call recognition of RA, TP, SM, JC, KG, JN, HS, and RC as chair to discuss *Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 v. Board of Building Regulations & Standards and another*, Suffolk Superior Court, CA No. 2014-04043.
9. There were no matters not reasonably anticipated 2 business days in advance of meeting.
10. The meeting was adjourned. (HS, TP, All) 4:30 approximate

Exhibits (listed as file names)

- A. BBRS Meeting Minutes April 14, 2015 (Approved May 12, 2015)
- B. Reflected Sunlight Survey Summary
- C. 2014_04_Chapter_01_Staff_redline_2015_05_08_FPFP
- D. 150505 FPFP mark up to 2014_04_Chapter_51_R01_Staff_redline_2015_04_10
- E. 150505 FPFP mark ups to 2014_04_Chapter_02_to_35_Staff_redline_2015_04_14_FPFP
- F. 150505 FPFP mark ups to 2014_04_Chapter_51_R02_to_R44_Staff_redline_2015_04_10_FPFP
- G. Gale_Comments on Proposed 9th Edition State Building Code_20150505